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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, please consider the remarks  
as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

This response, submitted in reply to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, is  
believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable  
reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant respectfully requests approval of the drawings filed  
July 3, 2001.